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SUBJECT: PERMREPS LUNCH FEBRUARY 4

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SUMMARY: AT LUNCHEON ON FEBRUARY 4, HOSTED BY ICELANDIC AMBASSADOR TOMASSON, PERMREPS DEVOTED BULK OF THEIR CONVERSATION TO THE GREECE-TURKEY-CYPRUS SITUATION AND TO PORTUGUESE POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS. OTHER SUBJECTS DISCUSSED WERE CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN THE EC-9 AND THE NATO-15, SCHEDULING OF FORTH-COMING NAC AND DPC MEETINGS, AND SITES AND DATES FOR SPRING NAC, DPC AND NPG MINISTERIAL MEETINGS. CONVERSION ON THIS LAST SUBJECT WAS REPORTED IN USNATO 0630. END SUMMARY.  
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1. GREECE-TURKEY-CYPRUS SITUATION -- PERMREPS EXCHANGED A NUMBER OF OBSERVATIONS ON PRESS REPORTS OF FORTHCOMING MEETINGS IN BRUSSELS BETWEEN SECRETARY KISSINGER AND THE GREEK AND TURKISH FOREIGN MINISTERS. THEY ASSUMED ON BASIS OF THOSE NEWS REPORTS

THAT THESE MEETINGS WERE FIXED FOR THE WEEKEND OF FEBRUARY 8-9. TURKISH PERMREP ERALP, HOWEVER, GLOOMILY REMARKED HE DID NOT KNOW WHETHER HIS FOREIGN MINISTER WOULD COME TO BRUSSELS TO MEET SECRETARY KISSINGER. THERE WAS CONSIDERABLE GENERAL DISCUSSION ABOUT SYG LUNS' WATCHING BRIEF ON GREECE-TURKEY (INCLUDING CYPRUS), AND WHAT ROLE HE MIGHT PLAY IN CONNECTION WITH THE KISSINGER DISCUSSIONS IN BRUSSELS ON THE CYPRUS QUESTION. A NUMBER OF PERMREPS AGREED WITH LUNS THAT HE SHOULD NOT ONLY PARTICIPATE IN SOME FASHION IN THESE MEETINGS BUT HIS PARTICIPATION SHOULD BE NOTICEABLE TO THE PARTIES AND THE PUBLIC. THE DISCUSSION ABOUT THE SYG'S WATCHING BRIEF INCLUDED ENDORSEMENT OF HIM IN THIS ROLE AS THE PROPER CHANNEL THROUGH WHICH ALLIES SHOULD RECEIVE INFORMATION ABOUT DEVELOPMENTS IN GREECE-US EXPLORATORY TALKS ON THE SECURITY RELATIONS BETWEEN THOSE TWO COUNTRIES. ONLY ERALP DISSENTED FROM GENERAL AGREEMENT ON THE IMPORTANCE OF EMPHASIZING THE SYG'S GREECE-TURKEY WATCHING BRIEF.

2. PORTUGUESE POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS-- LUNS BEGAN DISCUSSION BY EXPRESSING HIS OPINION THAT NATO EXERCISE "LOCKED GATE" SHOULD CONTINUE AS PLANNED. AMBASSADOR BRUCE SAID THE UNITED STATES ALSO BELIEVES THIS EXERCISE INCLUDING PORT VISITS AND SHORE LEAVES SHOULD PROCEED AS PLANNED. HE SAID THIS BELIEF IS BASED ON WASHINGTON REVIEW OF LATEST INFORMATION AND DEVELOPMENTS AS RECEIVED FROM A NUMBER OF SOURCES INCLUDING US EMBASSY IN LISBON. FOR EXAMPLE, THE US HAS NOTED THAT PORTUGUESE AUTHORITIES SEEM TO HAVE GONE OUT OF THEIR WAY TO DEFUSE SITUATION AND CORRECT PUBLICLY ANY MISUNDERSTANDINGS CONCERNING THE EXERCISE WHICH HAVE BEEN CREATED BY THE MEDIA. PORTUGUESE AMBASSADOR DE FREITAS CRUZ EXPRESSED HIS GRATIFICATION THAT PARTICIPANTS IN THIS EXERCISE HAVE NOT YIELDED TO THE DEMANDS OF THE PORTUGUESE EXTREME LEFT. PERMREPS NOTED THAT PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENT WOULD CONSIDER APPROVING SHORE LIBERTY IN LISBON ON A CASE BASIS.

3. CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN EC-9 AND NATO-15 -- PERMREPS EXCHANGED VIEWS ON GENERAL RELATIONS BETWEEN THE EC-9 AND NATO AND SPECIFICALLY ON THE NINE'S RECORD IN CONSULTING ON IMPORTANT CONFIDENTIAL

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ISSUES LIKE CSCE WITH THE FIFTEEN. THERE WAS CLEAR DIVERGENCE OF VIEWS ON THIS QUESTION AS HAD BEEN FORECAST IN A BRIEF AND LESS PHILOSOPHICAL DISCUSSION OF THIS MATTER IN THE SPC EARLIER IN THE WEEK. (SEE USNATO 553). AMBASSADOR MENZIES (CANADA) THOUGHT FURTHER CONSIDERATION OF THE ENTIRE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE NINE AND FIFTEEN WAS NEEDED. WHILE HEADMITTED ITALIAN AMBASSADOR CATALANO HAD DISCHARGED ADEQUATELY THE ROLE OF EC SPOKESMAN IN NATO GIVEN PAST CRITERIA OF LIMITED INTERCHANGE, HE RECOMMENDED DISCARDING THOSE PAST CRITERIA AND PUTTING THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE TWO ORGANIZATIONS ON A NEW FOOTING. THREE EC-9 AMBASSADORS, SVART (DENMARK), PECK (UK), AND DE ROSE (FRANCE) DIFFERED WITH THIS VIEW. SVART AND PECK THOUGHT CONSULTATION BETWEEN THE NINE AND FIFTEEN, ESPECIALLY ON CSCE, WAS AS GOOD AS ONE COULD WISH. DE ROSE MORE CANDIDLY SAID THERE WERE NATURALLY

DIFFERENCES BETWEEN WHAT THE NINE SEEK AND THE OBJECTIVES OF THE FIFTEEN, BUT HE THOUGHT THE NINE HAVE KEPT THE FITEEEN THOROUGHLY INFORMED. AMBASSADOR THEODORPPOULOS ADVANCED THE IDEA THAT MAYBE THE RELATIONSHIP SHOULD BE INSTITUTIONALIZED, BUT OTHERS SHOWED LITTLE INTEREST IN THIS SUGGESTION.

4. SCHEDULING OF FORTHCOMING NAC AND DPC MEETINGS -- PERMREPS AGREED TO POSTPONE DPC ON NUCLEAR ASPECTS OF THE NUNN AMENDMENT FROM FEBRUARY 10 TO FEBRUARY 11 AND HOLD DPC MEETINGS ON BRITISH DEFENSE REVIEW ON FEBRUARY 6 AND FEBRUARY 10. AMBASSADOR PECK, NOTING HIS PRIME MINISTER AND FOREIGN MINISTER WERE GOING TO MOSCOW FOR TALKS ON 17-18 FEBRUARY, SAID HE HOPED SOME HIGH BRITISH OFFICIAL WOULD BE AVAILABLE TO BRIEF THE NAC, PROBABLY ON FEBRUARY 20, ABOUT RESULTS OF MEETINGS WITH THE SOVIETS. PERMREPS ALSO BRIEFLY DISCUSSED THE FEBRUARY 7 NAC ON CSCE AT WHICH CATALANO WILL LEAD OFF WITH PRESENTATION OF RECENT EC-9 CSCE DECISIONS.  
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